

## PLAN TO RECONSTRUCT THE ANCIENT EL CAMINO REAL

Legislators From Northern California Interested in the Project--Old Road Connected Franciscan Missions and Was a Valley Thoroughfare.

Supported by the entire delegation from Northern California in the state legislature Senator Martinelli of Marin county is endeavoring to obtain from the state highway commission a share of the \$18,000,000 voted by the people for public highways, the amount obtained to be devoted to reconstructing the ancient El Camino Real which connected the chain of missions established by the Franciscan fathers in the early days of California.

It is the intention of the delegates from Marin, Sonoma, Mendocino counties to work in conjunction on this plan of reconstructing the old El Camino Real, which, when completed, will connect with the great highways leading through the San Joaquin and Sacramento valleys, giving to California the finest chain of boulevards in the United States.

This ancient highway, which linked together the old missions of the old days, extended originally from the mission in San Diego county to the old Sonoma mission, and if these lines of the original and only highway of communication between the Franciscan friars of the various missions in the state are strictly adhered to the restored highway must necessarily pass through Sonoma and the El Camino Real sign post erected by the Woman's Club of this city on the northeast corner of the plaza opposite the old Mission San Francisco de Solano, built here in 1823 by the missionary fathers.

The plan has aroused much interest and is meeting with great favor in both branches of the leg-

islature, and it is understood that Governor Johnson and State Engineer Ellery look with favor upon the plan, and it will undoubtedly be one of the first measures to receive their official attention.

Senator Juilliard and Assemblyman Slater are heartily in favor of the plan and are working for it, realizing that Sonoma county, and particularly the Sonoma Valley, will be greatly benefitted should the old El Camino Real be reconstructed.

The senators and representatives from Mendocino and Humboldt counties are also expressing themselves as being heartily in favor of the project, one of them saying: "Our interests are mutual in this respect and success can only be conducive to much good."

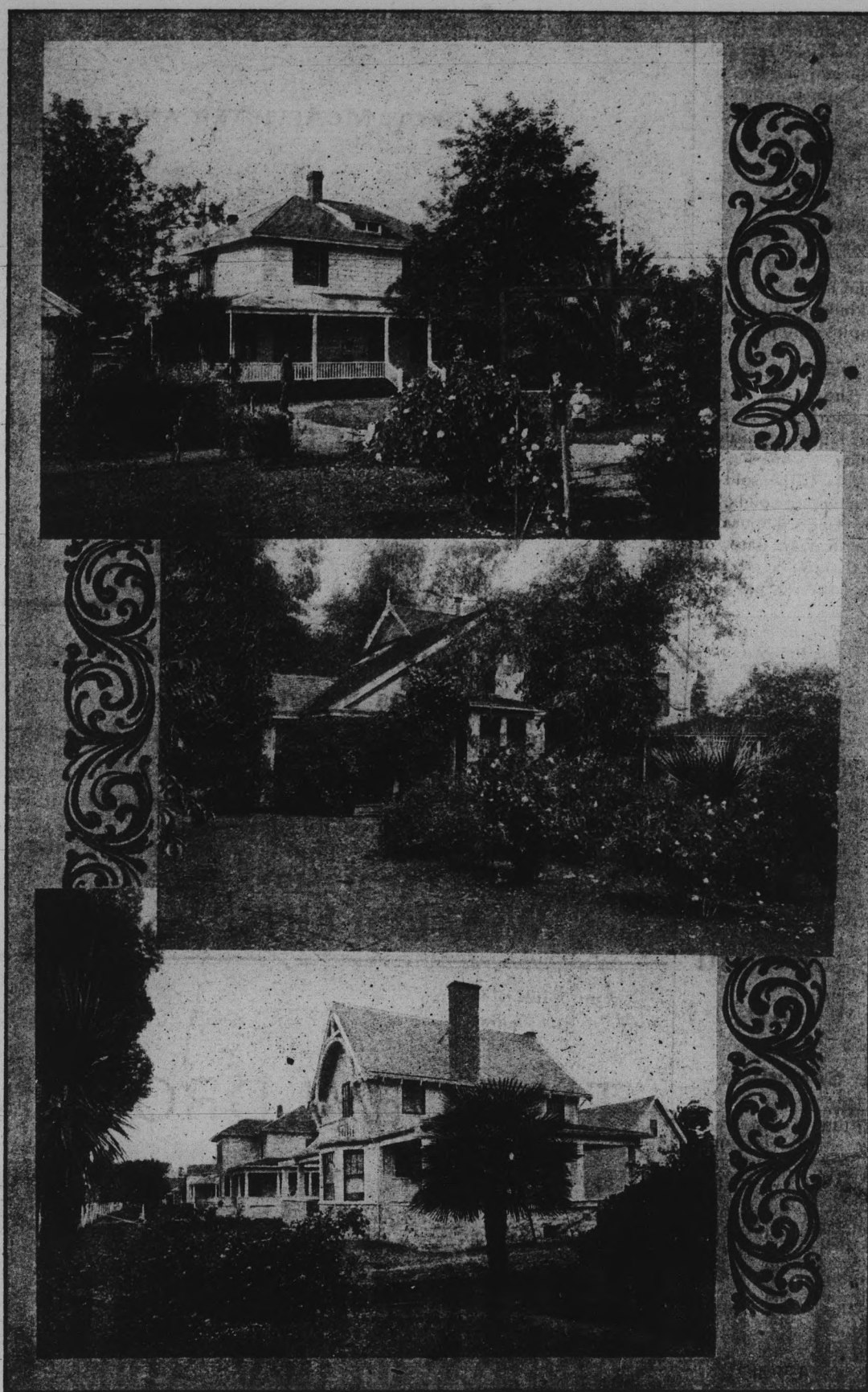
### Will Search for Old Cannon

At a recent meeting of the local parlor of Native Sons their attention was called to the fact that in the early days of Sonoma, and shortly after the abdication of General Vallejo, two brass cannon were taken from the old barracks by several boys who were in a frolicsome humor and dropped in an old well in what is now the northeastern corner of the plaza.

The well has long since been filled up, but several of the old timers recall its existence and the story of the lost cannon and vouch for its accuracy.

The Native Sons now propose to prospect for this old well, and should they succeed in locating it and finding the cannon the relics of Vallejo will be remounted and form a permanent ornament on the plaza.

## SOME SONOMA VALLEY HOMES



Their Beauty in Keeping With the Picturesqueness of Their Surroundings and Add Much to the General Tone of Prosperity Evident on All Sides.

Probably in no other part of Sonoma county is pride of home so keenly developed as it is in the Sonoma Valley. This fact has been commented upon favorably within our hearing more than once within the past few days by visitors and home-seekers.

Neatly built houses with well kept grounds are in evidence at every turn of the roads and streets and many of the homes are of the expensive class, while others are more modest, yet all within the owners' means, and built with the distinctive home idea, rather than

with the slipshod cheap method of the tenant-seeking landlord.

This home idea is freely and favorably commented upon by the stranger, for there is nothing which so deeply impresses the person seeking a new community with which to cast his lot than that of home pride, be the home the spacious and pretentious one of wealth or the more modest and neat one of the mechanic. They all go to make up the community and of such its prosperity is judged by the home-seeker.

The above views are typical of

the Sonoma Valley's progress in this direction, and while not as pretentious as the city mansion of the millionaire, they fit into their surroundings and add to the general beauty of the valley.

That more of the well-to-do citizens of our neighboring cities do not take advantage of the healthy and beautiful conditions of the Valley and build homes here while retaining their business interests in the cities is a puzzle to those who have done this, and are delighted with the change.

### Supervisors Liable

A contemporary notes that in the case of a woman injured by a fall through walking off an unguarded sidewalk on a county road and into a "wash," a Los Angeles court has held the supervisor of the district personally responsible in damages to the amount of \$11,000.

Suit was brought against each member of the board of supervisors, but the others were discharged from liability. There is a panic among them all, however, and talk of wholesale resignation unless the state legislature amends the law.

It would seem no supervisor should be personally responsible save in cases of gross and unquestionable neglect to keep the roads in his district reasonably safe. The Los Angeles case, however, is a warning to the supervisor to keep a sharp eye on the roads in his district and protect the public from risk of accident.

### Plans Submitted for the New County Hospital

Plans have been submitted to the county board of supervisors for a modern new county hospital. The plans submitted were prepared by County Physician Bogle and Architect J. W. Dolliver and show a structure of mission style of architecture. It is arranged with an out of door court in the center with separate wards grouped in partially closed corridors, giving plenty of light and ventilation and allowing for segregation of patients and diseases. It is estimated that the building would cost about \$200,000, which includes furnishing, a modern, oil-burning, heating, pumping and electrical plant, as well as steam laundry. It is estimated that the use of fuel oil would be a saving of fully \$1,000 annually in the fuel account.

The Index-Tribune should be in every home in the valley.

### Expect 15c for Wine Later On

Occasional wine sales are being noted at 12 cents per gallon. It seems, however, to be the opinion among most of our winemakers that a higher price will be paid later, the market conditions seeming to indicate this. "Fifteen cents is the price that will take my cellar of wine and I expect to get that figure inside of a few months," is the way one of our local dealers stated the situation to the Enterprise this week.

Harry Pitts is the latest to dispose of his output at 12 cents. He has a fine cellar of wine and it was purchased by the Italian-Swiss Colony. Mr. Pitts stated that the Colony people made frequent overtures for his wine and when the 12-cent offer was made Mr. Pitts closed the deal. —Healdsburg Enterprise.

Did you ever realize that the man who attends strictly to his own business has a steady job?

## ACTION TAKEN TOWARD SECURING LIBRARY BUILDING

Library Trustees and City Fathers Will Work in Conjunction to Secure the Aid of Mr. Carnegie--Present City Fund Almost Sufficient.

At a meeting of the library trustees held Tuesday night steps were taken toward securing the aid of Andrew Carnegie in the erection of a library building on the plaza, and with this end in view a resolution was adopted requesting the co-operation of the city council in the matter.

The proposition, based on the requirements of Mr. Carnegie, should easily be carried to a successful completion, and it should meet with the hearty support it deserves from all citizens interested in the welfare of the city.

The city is now paying \$543 yearly for the support of the library. This is at the rate of one mill on the assessed valuation. The enactment of the legislature providing for the maintenance of libraries permits a tax of three mills for this purpose in cities of the class of Sonoma.

One of Mr. Carnegie's requirements, and the chief one, is that the city shall pay a sum equal to 10 per cent yearly on his appropriation for the maintenance of the library.

The library trustees are modest in their request for an appropriation from the city trustees, merely asking that \$600 yearly be guaranteed, an increase of about \$70 over the present appropriation.

This, should Mr. Carnegie see it in a favorable light, would insure the donation of \$6,000.

As a general thing, in most towns securing these gifts from Mr. Carnegie a considerable portion of the money has to be expended for the purchase of building sites, but in this instance the whole amount of Mr. Carnegie's donation could

be applied to the construction of a building, as in its eight-acre plaza the town possesses several suitable sites for a building of this kind. The location of the site should not be one of controversy, and doubtless will not.

The matter was introduced at an adjourned meeting of the city trustees held Wednesday night through a resolution and a communication from Secretary Brown setting forth the desires of the library trustees.

### Hop Men to Organize

The Pacific Coast hop growers are endeavoring to effect an organization for the purpose of enhancing the value of Pacific Coast hops on a basis with prices that are being paid by our domestic brewers for foreign and New York State hops.

The effort of the Pacific Coast organization of growers will be toward promoting the quality of coast hops and challenging their brewing qualities as against the imported hops for which brewers are paying from 15 to 25 cents per pound higher values. By chemical analysis and other means a system of educating the brewers will be resorted to.

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## RECLAIMING YOUNG OFFENDERS

With probation courts and child welfare leagues both aiming to help the young violators of the law—the first offenders, it is of intense interest to speculate on the results of such leniency and interest on an individual such as young Repsold, the millionaire's scapegrace son lately apprehended as a society burglar. The youth evidently had no regard for paternal authority and drifted from petty mischief into the more serious channels of crime. He must now be dealt with by the law.

It is no far-fetched deduction to infer that he has gone beyond the probation stage. His father declares that his son is a "bad actor," and repeated promises and reconciliations only ended in disappointment and repeated delinquencies. The father can hardly be blamed if he does not interest himself now, but there was a time when he should have interested himself in his boy and because his interest then was not vital enough he is paying the price today. It appears that the youthful Repsold lost his mother when scarcely in his teens and his father did not feel his duty as a parent until he began to realize that the boy was becoming incorrigible. His reprimands not being heeded, he left the child drift on until he concluded that it was best to let him sow his wild oats, but there the tares beset him. While the warm heart of a father or mother should have been keeping alive the good within him, and good counsel should have grappled with bad influence, unhappily the seeds of evil went on flourishing, unhindered and unhampered.

His father too late realized his mistake and saw whither his son was tending. He was not outgrowing his waywardness, so he sent him away to sea, but he deserted and returned to further humiliate him. Now with more than a dozen thefts at his door the prison looms up before the son, disgrace before the father.

Here is a problem for our criminologists. The clay in the makeup of such a one is of the crumbling, shifting sort—a bad kind to deal with because it is not cultivated and enriched at the right moment. Will work on it now be productive of good? Shall we throw it out to the refuse piles (our prisons) or should we seek to mend it and make it yet do some service? The probation officer will undoubtedly plead to be given a chance, although the material is unpromising.

It is noble work and figures show that a large percentage of cases are successful. If but one out of fifty were reclaimed it would still be worth while.

## LOCAL BREVITIES.

For Sale—200-egg Must Hatch incubator. Apply to Mrs. A. Moebes.

It is good that the City Trustees are not working for the people at so much per hour.

It is now up to the preachers to pray for a cessation of the rain. They started the present deluge with their prayers, didn't they?

There is talk of a new restaurant and bakery to be opened up by San Francisco parties in the Hope building adjoining the Masonic Temple.

Lewis & Cummings, the enterprising proprietors of the Sonoma Meat Market, have installed a plate glass front which greatly improves the appearance of their shop.

Jesse Burris attended a meeting of the stockholders of the Santa Rosa Bank Tuesday. The old board of directors were re-elected as follows: W. D. Reynolds, president; R. W. Peterson, vice-president; Frank M. Burris, cashier; O. H. Reeves and Thomas W. Hopper, assistant cashiers; G. W. Palmer, teller; Eugene Slusser, accountant. The directors are as follows: W. H. Lee, F. W. Laughlin, W. H. Early, R. W. Peterson, W. D. Reynolds, Jesse Burris and Glenn E. Murdock.

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O. R. Wagner, our local real estate agent, this week sold the 750-acre ranch known as the O. B. Smith place near Schellville to John Lawler, Jr., of Petaluma.

The unsightly trees in front of the Sonoma House have been cut down to make way for a stone curbing and cement sidewalk, which will greatly improve the appearance of the property.

The social hops given by the Sonoma Valley Moving Picture Co. in Union Hall every Tuesday night after the show are becoming very popular with our young people. Prof. Fitzgerald, who presides at the piano, furnishes splendid music. He is a finished pianist and his equal would be hard to find anywhere.

## NOTICE

# To Bidders!

Huichica School District  
Bonds—\$4,000.00.

Public notice is hereby given by the Board of Supervisors of Sonoma county that sealed proposals for purchasing Huichica School District bonds for cash, at not less than par and accrued interest, will be received at the office of the County Clerk of said Sonoma county, up to 2 o'clock p. m.

February 8th, 1911.

the Board reserving the right to reject any or all bids.  
Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check, made payable to W. W. Felt, Jr., County Clerk, in the sum of 10 per cent of the amount of the bid, as a guarantee that the successful bidder will within the time prescribed complete the purchase of said bonds.

Bids of unsuccessful bidders to be returned; provided that the check of the successful bidder will be forfeited to Sonoma county should he fail to complete the purchase of said bonds.  
The amount of the bonds to be sold is Four Thousand Dollars, in four bonds, of the denomination of One Thousand (\$1,000.00) Dollars each, bearing date of March 1st, 1911, and bear interest at the rate of six (6) per cent per annum, payable annually.

The assessed valuation of said Huichica School District is \$407,641.00, indebtedness none.

The bonds above mentioned are to mature as follows:  
Bond No. 1—To run two years.  
Bond No. 2—To run three years.  
Bond No. 3—To run four years.  
Bond No. 4—To run five years.  
Dated January 11th, 1911.  
W. W. FELT, Jr., Clerk.

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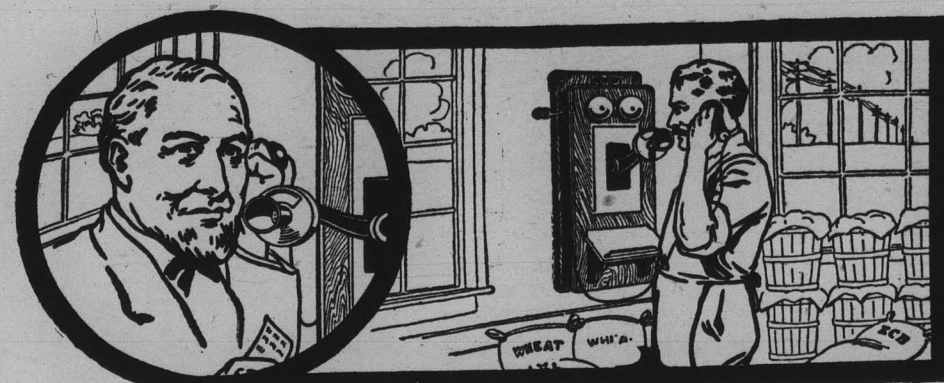
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## PERSONAL AND SOCIAL NOTES.

### Doings of the Various Sets in Both Town and Valley.

Mrs. Rochat was a passenger to San Francisco Sunday.

Mrs. Ruth Poppe of San Francisco was here Sunday.

Mrs. Lora Levy of San Francisco was the guest of friends here Sunday.

Mrs. and Mrs. Charles McDavett were presented with a bright-eyed baby girl Sunday night.

The Equal Rights Club will meet at the home of Mrs. Poppe Tuesday, January 31.

Mrs. L. Lutgens was in the metropolis several days this week visiting friends and relatives.

Raoul Emparan is in town from San Francisco, the guest of his mother, Mrs. L. V. Emparan.

Mrs. E. B. Bryant came up from San Mateo Monday for a short visit with Sonoma relatives.

Attorney H. P. Mathewson returned from San Francisco on Monday after an absence of a week.

Robert La Torres, who is attending school in the metropolis, spent Sunday here visiting his parents.

Misses Jennie Poulson, George Andrews and Mary Boccoli drove over to Napa Sunday and spent the day.

H. H. Granice was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Murphy at their Alameda home Monday and Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Erickson of Vineburg are the happy parents of a pretty baby girl which came to brighten their home last Wednesday.

Miss Nana Drew, formerly of this place, has taken the white veil and become a novice in Presentation Convent, San Francisco.

The Sonoma Moving Picture Co. has secured the services of Prof. Fitzgerald, the talented musician, who will preside at the piano each evening.

T. Duhring spent several days this week in San Francisco, on Rosa and other towns in the interest of several projects which the chamber of commerce is aiding.

The next meeting of the Mothers' Club will be held at the high school building, provided the privilege of meeting there can be obtained from the high school board of trustees.

Mrs. Kate Revest, formerly a nurse in the Leix sanitarium here, has become a convert to the Catholic faith and is now with the Sisters of Mercy in San Francisco preparing for one of the orders which admit widows.

Mrs. J. Keechler, wife of Joseph Keechler, superintendent of the Sonoma Land Co.'s ranch at McGill's, has been very ill all week. She is under the care of Dr. Thompson, who reports his patient as improving.

Mr. T. Vaughan, founder and manager of the Sonoma Cripples Home, who has been absent in Southern California for several months, arrived home Tuesday and will shortly be followed by Mrs. Vaughan, who remained in Los Angeles. Mr. Vaughan, who with his good wife has been abroad in the interest of his institution, reports that his labors have been very satisfactory.

### More Free Government Seed

Hon. Duncan E. McKinlay, congressman from this district, has this office from the department of agriculture at Washington City of vegetable seed for distribution. These consist of lettuce, onion, radish, turnip and muskmelon.

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The wagon of the Sonoma will continue to deliver throughout the winter months. Our orders to Main 513.

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### Mrs. Tilly Jacober Seeks Divorce

Mrs. Matilda Jacober (nee Kiser) commenced an action in the superior court of this county last Tuesday in which she seeks an interlocutory decree of divorce from her husband, Carl Jakober, on the grounds of cruelty. The parties were married less than two years ago and have been living on the Champlin ranch between this city and Petaluma and up to within a few months ago were supposed to be leading happy and contented lives. Robert A. Poppe is the attorney for the plaintiff, who is the daughter of one of Sonoma Valley's oldest families.

## ELECTION CONTEST RECOUNT IS ON

### First Two Precincts Counted Show a Loss of Four Votes for Montgomery.

The Montgomery-Barnes superintendent of schools election contest was begun in the superior court on Thursday in Judge Denny's department.

It will be recollected that Miss Florence M. Barnes of Healdsburg, the democratic nominee, was declared elected by the board of supervisors on the face of the returns by a majority of 45 votes and was given the certificate of election and sworn into office on January 2.

Attorneys Rolfe L. Thompson and Ross Campbell appeared for Mr. Montgomery, while Attorney Thomas J. Geary is looking after the interests of Miss Barnes. Attorney J. Rollo Leppo is associated with Attorney Geary and will participate in the case as soon as the Burke trial is out of the way.

Former Deputy County Clerks J. W. Ford and W. S. Coulter were appointed tally clerks to assist Deputy County Clerk Cochran.

The work of recounting the ballots will be slow, as each ballot is closely scrutinized by the battery of attorneys engaged in the case. The result of the first day's work was a recount of Blucher and Molino precincts. The result was as follows:

Blucher Precinct—Montgomery 115, Barnes 95.

Molino Precinct—Montgomery 70, Barnes 50.

This is a loss of three in Blucher for Montgomery and a gain of one in Molino for Miss Barnes. Six ballots were rejected, while one is being held for future consideration.

This one is known as the "Yellow Dog" ballot. The person who voted the ballot wrote in one of the spaces in the blank column for constable "Yellow Dog." An effort is being made to bar the ballot on the ground that it is marked, while the other side claims that it is no more marked than another in which the name "Bryan" had been written.

As there are 72 voting precincts in the county, it can be seen that the contest will string out for several weeks.

### Episcopal Rector Coming

The Rev. Thomas Parker Boyd, Rector of the Ascension church at Vallejo and dean of the Convocation, will visit Sonoma on Wednesday, February 1, to look over the field with the intention of starting an Episcopal church here. He wishes to visit and meet all interested in this work and will conduct a service in the evening, the time and place to be advertised later. In conjunction with this there will be a meeting held at the residence of Mrs. W. Clew Sunday, January 29, at 4 p. m.

A very earnest request to attend is extended to all interested, whether members or not.

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## NORTHWESTERN PACIFIC VICTIM

### Charles Miller, Presumably of Mendocino County, Receives Fatal Injuries Friday.

Charles Miller, who it is thought was a resident of Mendocino county, was struck by the southbound Northwestern-Pacific train Friday night and received injuries from which he died Saturday noon.

The accident occurred near the Vallejo street crossing, and was unavoidable on the part of the train crew, as the necessary warnings were given by the engineer in charge and were totally disregarded by the injured man, who is said to have been drinking heavily from a jug of wine which lay alongside the injured man when discovered by Carlos Emparan, who happened along shortly after the man had been hit by the train.

The engineer and conductor were unaware of the accident until notified by young Emparan, who had raced down to the station, a few hundred yards distant from where the unconscious man was found, to give the alarm.

Miller was removed at once to the Broadway Sanitarium, where Dr. Thomson and his assistants made him as comfortable as possible. Miller's skull was fractured and an arm was broken in two places and he had received internal injuries. He was conscious but a few moments, during which time he gave his name and mentioned a son, Frank Miller, residing in Paso Robles when he last heard from him four years ago.

A dispatch was thereupon sent to that place by Mrs. L. H. Green, the matron of the sanitarium, notifying the son of the fatal accident that had befallen the father. Advice from Paso Robles, however, say that Frank Miller left that place long ago for Riverside.

Coroner Blackburn was notified and held an inquest Sunday morning. A verdict in keeping with the above was rendered.

The remains were interred in the Valley Cemetery under the direction of Undertaker Bates.

### Mother's Meeting

Some one has said that the twentieth century is going to be known as the children's century, so thoroughly is the great public mind rousing to the fact that today nothing else is of such vast importance to the future welfare of the race as the proper care, training and development of children. And in full belief that the heritage of the youth of Sonoma is of value equal to that of children in so many other towns where parents are co-operating with educators in a movement for better understanding the needs of boys and girls, singly and collectively, therefore last Wednesday a few mothers met at the home of Mrs. G. H. Hotz and planned for an organization that shall eventually become auxiliary to the national mother's congress.

After an informal talk concerning both general and local conditions it was decided to hold the next meeting at the high school on Saturday, February 25, at 2:30 p. m. While this meeting will be public, a special invitation is extended to all mothers and to the teachers and trustees of both the grammar and the high schools.

At this meeting a permanent organization will be effected.

L. S. DUHRING, Secretary Protem.

### Chapter of Accidents

Johnny Clemens, the seven-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Clemens of El Verano, fell off a merry-go-round in that place last Saturday and broke his collar bone. Dr. Leix attended the little fellow and reports his patient rapidly recovering from the injury.

Eight-year-old Tommy Palmer, son of Mrs. A. Palmer, residing on the Hayes farm one mile south of town, while at play last Wednesday fell and broke an arm. The bones were set by Dr. Leix, who was summoned to attend the injured lad.

### Woman's Club Notes

Last Friday was social day at the club, and in addition to two charming songs by Miss Ramona Granice the club was entertained by a paper read by Mrs. Woodworth and containing many valuable thoughts concerning school questions pertinent to our own community.

An entertainment is being planned to pay for planting many trees along certain streets.

L. S. DUHRING, Club Reporter.

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### Jack Ford Is Now a Lawyer

J. W. Ford, the well-known former chief deputy county clerk, has been admitted to practice in all the courts of this state. Together with a class of twenty-two he underwent an examination before the appellate court in Sacramento last Tuesday and passed through the ordeal with high honors, being admitted to the bar with a number of other successful applicants. Mr. Ford has a host of friends in this valley who will be pleased to hear of his success. We wish Jack all kinds of luck in his chosen profession.

## CITY SOLONS IN EXTRA SESSION

### Award Contract for Additional Fire Hydrants—The Library Proposition Discussed.

An adjourned meeting of the city trustees was held Wednesday night for the purpose of opening bids for the proposed additional fire hydrants to be connected with the Lewis water system.

There were four bidders for the contract, three local firms and a San Francisco contracting firm. J. G. Marcy was awarded the contract at a price of \$39.55 each for the hydrants, his price being but 25 cents less than his closest competitor.

The board of library trustees requested that they be permitted to draw on the library fund, stating that their available supply of cash was almost exhausted. This request will be granted at the regular meeting Wednesday night.

The library trustees presented a resolution and communication through their secretary requesting the co-operation and assistance of the city trustees in an effort to secure a library building. They asked that this be done in the form of a resolution drawn by the city attorney and embodying an action of the city trustees guaranteeing \$600 yearly for the maintenance of the library and a site for the building. The necessary action instructing the city attorney was taken, and it will be acted upon definitely at the regular meeting Wednesday night.

The electric light people came in for censure for their delinquencies, and it was thought by some of the trustees that the proper "jacking up" in their instance should be a forced reduction of their bill, evidently assuming that when you touch a corporation's pocketbook you get results.

The ever present rock crusher question was once more informally discussed and looked at from all sides, top and bottom, and even unto the bunkers, but it has not been given the necessary stony stare that will keep the discussion down. Instead, it seemed to be the consensus of opinion that the city should have the rock crushing plant.

### Will Improve Depot Grounds

Complying with the request of the chamber of commerce, Chief Engineer Zook has ordered our depot reservation to be graveled. This will be greatly appreciated by the public, as the grounds have been almost impassable since the rainy season set in.

### Picture Show at Union Hall

The Sonoma Moving Picture Show will be open to the public in Union Hall every Tuesday, Saturday and Sunday evenings, with continuous performances from 8 to 10 and a complete change of pictures each night. Prof. Fitzgerald will preside at the piano. On Tuesday evenings there will be a social hop after the show. Admission 10c.

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## CALENDAR DAY IN SUPERIOR COURT

### Judges Denny and Seawell Handle the Legal Grist at the Court House Monday.

The regular calendar day proceedings in the superior court on Monday were disposed of by Judge Denny and Judge Seawell. The following is a resume of the proceedings:

Judge Denny's Department.

The estates of Anna W. Jenkins, Albert Soldati, Margaret G. Leitch, Frederick A. Wickersham, Charles Bayles, Dayton R. Bayles, a minor, and Thomas McQuestion, settled, allowed and distribution ordered.

Estate Conrad Temple, F. L. Blackburn appointed administrator without bonds.

The estates of Andrew Trosper and David L. Winder were set aside to the widows.

Estate of Guiseppi, Uboldi continued to February 28.

Civil Cases Pending.

Mrs. G. J. Emerson vs. Northwestern Pacific Railroad company, change of venue granted.

Francisco Veltie vs. Keystone Construction Co., continued to Feb. 4.

In re Alice Porterfield, to be appointed trustee, continued to January 30.

F. W. Maddocks vs. Carbondonia & Burns, motion for new trial submitted.

Clark Cook vs. Mary Brown, J. P. Loustalet vs. James O'Rourke, Sarah A. Hazen vs. Myra Deveraux, S. J. Hopkins vs. R. J. White, continued to January 30.

In re life estate William and Sarah Doss, decree granted terminating estate.

D. Cassassa vs. Fulton Winery Co., to March 7.

S. L. Wood vs. F. H. Hahn, nipped from calendar, to be restored on motion.

Judge Seawell's Department.

George Hemenway vs. Cloverdale Mining Co., J. K. Ferguson vs. James R. Edwards, mayor, et al., Sarah A. Hazen vs. Frank Hazen, John June vs. August Wehrspen, T. A. Piper vs. Milton Withers, Sophie Grove vs. Burt E. Grove, Thomas Hopper vs. J. W. Hopper, N. W. Twomey vs. Wickersham Banking Co., O'Riley vs. McDonough, Earl E. Rogers et al. vs. P. L. Schlottback, continued to Jan. 20.

Peter Torliatt vs. Adrienne Torliatt, new citation issued returnable Jan. 20, trial set for Jan. 31.

Ida Smith vs. James R. Smith, continued to January 31.

Swiss-American Bank vs. W. R. Goodbody, set for March 2.

Van B. Witter vs. Georgia Redwine, cost bill reduced to \$15.

Michael V. Martin vs. Rachel B. Martin et al., motion for judgment on pleadings submitted.

People vs. F. C. Richardson, continued to February 20.

Burton vs. Northwestern Pacific Railway, continued to Feb. 17, jury waived.

James A. Brown vs. J. T. Ortman; judgment given plaintiff for \$8 per month and possession of property.

### Weyl-Abdoun Nuptials

Mr. Frank K. Weyl and Miss Mabel Abdoun were married at the Weyl home in this place at high noon Sunday. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Mr. Lee of the M. E. church in the presence of a large number of relatives and immediate friends of the contracting parties. After the ceremony the young couple took the afternoon Northwestern Pacific train for Tiburon, where they will make their future home.

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## SUMMONS

In the Superior Court of the State of California, in and for the County of Sonoma. Johanna Breitenbach, Plaintiff, vs. Charles Meyer, Thomas McGrath, Samuel L. Tenant, Dennis Chance, William G. Lane, N. G. T. Long, Guy T. Fling, Thomas C. Ward, Louis Guillett, Miguel Santoyo, James Kirkwood, Caroline Elizabeth Stevens, Gabriel J. Scott, Harriet E. Handley, Edward H. Lamont, Nicholas Long, Stephen Card and the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Sonoma, and also all other persons unknown, claiming any right, title, estate, lien or interest in the real property described in the complaint adverse to plaintiff's ownership or any cloud upon plaintiff's title thereto. Defendants.

Robert A. Poppe and R. P. Crawford, Attorneys for Plaintiff. This action is brought in the Superior Court in and for the County of Sonoma, State of California, and the complaint in said action is filed in the office of the County Clerk of said County, who is ex-officio Clerk of said Court. The People of the State of California send greeting to Charles Meyer, Thomas McGrath, Samuel L. Tenant, Dennis Chance, William G. Lane, N. G. T. Long, Guy T. Fling, Thomas C. Ward, Louis Guillett, Miguel Santoyo, James Kirkwood, Caroline Elizabeth Stevens, Gabriel J. Scott, Harriet E. Handley, Edward H. Lamont, Nicholas Long, Stephen Card, and the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Sonoma, and also all other persons unknown, claiming any right, title, estate, lien or interest in the real property described in the complaint adverse to plaintiff's ownership or any cloud upon plaintiff's title thereto, defendants.

The plaintiff above-named has brought an action against you, and each of you, in the Superior Court in and for the County of Sonoma, State of California, and the complaint in said action was filed in the office of the County Clerk of said County, who is ex-officio Clerk of said Court.

And you are, and each of you, is hereby directed to appear and answer the complaint in said action within ten days after the service on you of this summons—if served within said county; and if served elsewhere and without said county, then within thirty days of service of same upon you.

And you are hereby notified that unless you so appear and answer as above required, said plaintiff will take judgment for any money or damages demanded in the complaint, and the costs of the action, or she will apply to the Court for any other relief demanded in the complaint.

The real property affected by said action is situated lying and being in the City of Sonoma, County of Sonoma, State of California, and is bounded and particularly described as follows, to-wit:

All those certain lots in the City of Sonoma, in the County of Sonoma, State of California, as described, designated and numbered upon the official map of the former Pueblo of Sonoma as lots number 280, 285, 287, 288, 289, 270, 271, 272, 273 and 274, together with those certain strips of land formerly known as streets situated between lots Nos. 278 and 279 on the west and lots 280 and 272 on the east, and between lots Nos. 26 and 57 on the west and lots 267 and 274 on the east.

The object of said action is as follows:

1. To oblige the said defendants to set forth the nature of their claims in and to said lands.

2. To obtain a decree of said Court whereby all claims of said defendants, all and singular in and to said lands adverse to the said plaintiff's ownership thereof, shall be determined.

3. To obtain a decree of said Court declaring and adjudging that said plaintiff is the owner in fee simple of said lands, and that said defendants, all and singular, have no estate in or to said lands or any part thereof.

4. To have said defendants, all and singular, by said Court, forever enjoined and declared from asserting any claim whatsoever in or to said lands, adverse to said plaintiff.

5. To obtain an award and allowance by said Court to said plaintiff of her costs in said action, and to obtain such other relief as in the premises shall be deemed just.

Given under my hand and the seal of said Superior Court in and for the County of Sonoma, State of California, this 11th day of November, A. D. 1910.

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## A MATRIMONIAL BUREAU

Its First Case and the Way the Bill Was Paid

By ESTHER ALDERSHAW

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The doorbell rang sharply, and Evalina dropped the rolling pin and opened the side door.

A man stood in the porch, his hat in hand—a good looking man of forty, perhaps, with a nice smile and a well shaped head. Evalina liked a man to have a well shaped head, and she rather liked the looks of this man. When he spoke she liked the deep mellow tones of his voice.

"I am looking for Miss Ward," he said pleasantly. "Is she at home?" "I am Miss Ward," acknowledged Evalina, smiling.

"I was told Miss Ward could supply me with some homemade bread."

"I have wheat, rye and Graham," Evalina opened a glass case that rested on a side table and from its depths drew forth a crisp golden loaf.

"I'll take one of each," he declared. Just then there came a querulous voice from a room beyond the kitchen.

"Evalina, who are you talking to? You ain't got any beans out there, have you?"

The girl flushed brightly, and a strange air of reserve settled over her lovely face. "It is my Great-aunt Harriet. She is very old and somewhat peculiar. I hope you will not mind what she said."

"Evalina! That's Tom Taylor's voice. What's he doin' here?" Aunt Harriet's voice shrilled through the rooms.

The man let himself out the door while Evalina hastened to the side of bedridden Aunt Harriet.

"What's Tom Taylor doing here?" asked the old woman peevishly.

"It wasn't Tom, Aunt Harriet; it was a stranger," explained the girl with sweet patience.

"What you going to give me for supper?" With Evalina's help she sat up while the girl brushed back her scanty gray locks and straightened the bedclothes.

"Creamed toast and peaches, some of my fresh jumbles and a cup of tea."

"Sounds dreadful good, Evalina. I expect I'm mighty cross to you sometimes. You've got the patience of an angel, for you ain't never cross." Aunt Harriet stretched forth a bony hand and caressed the girl's bright hair.

Evalina bent and kissed her softly. "Too bad I can't be nice to you, Aunt Harriet. You're all I've got in the world."

"I'm a poor critter," lamented Aunt Harriet—"not worth my salt. You're killing yourself baking and brewing there to make a living for us both. I wish you'd get married, Evalina."

"Maybe I shall marry a millionaire," laughed Evalina as she went busily to and fro. "You would like that, aunt, for I shouldn't do any more baking. Wouldn't that be perfectly lovely? You might ride in an automobile. How would you like that?"

"I wouldn't like it a mite," said Aunt Harriet grimly. "I'd say to the driver, 'You can take me right up to the graveyard now; I'm bound to get there if I go riding in an automobile,' and so if there was an accident I'd be right handy to the Ward plot. There, I'm a poor critter, but I'm not a bad one. It's a shame you don't get married. You are a splendid cook, and some good man would appreciate you."

"Aunt Harriet, I believe you might operate a matrimonial bureau, only please don't practice on me. I'm too busy to get married."

Evalina hurried away to attend to her baking, which by a series of accidents had been delayed until the late afternoon. As she bustled to and fro, putting things to rights, clearing away the disorder of flour and other ingredients, she passed a small mirror hanging on the wall.

"Dear me!" murmured Evalina. "I wonder if that smudge of flour was on my forehead when he was in here. I hope not."

"Evalina, do come and set me right!" called the old lady. "I've eat my supper and spilled the tea, and I want to go to sleep."

When Evalina had cleared away the supper things and Aunt Harriet had been tucked under the covers Evalina sat a long time over her own meal with soft brown eyes dreamily fixed on the glowing square of the stove door.

Every day thereafter the strange man called at Evalina's house and bought some product of her baking. One day several weeks after the stranger's first visit Aunt Harriet was left alone in the house while Evalina went to a nearby town to order supplies. Late in the afternoon there came a knock at the sitting room door.

"Who is it?" demanded Aunt Harriet shrilly.

"I would like some bread, please," came the meek voice of the stranger.

"The key's under the mat," called Aunt Harriet eagerly. "Come right in."

When the door had opened and closed and she knew the stranger was in the sitting room Aunt Harriet called again: "Evalina's gone to the store. If you want bread you can take it from the case and leave the money on the table. Be you Tom Taylor?"

"No, I'm not Mr. Taylor. I merely called for some bread. I'll help myself with your permission," came the genial tones in reply.

"Will you please come here a moment?" Aunt Harriet spoke rather timidly for a woman of her forcible character.

"Certainly, if you wish." In an instant he was filling the bedroom doorway and looking down at Aunt Harriet's eager old face. "What can I do for you?" he asked kindly.

"I wanted to see you. I like your voice," said Aunt Harriet, with sudden decision. "What did you say your name was?" she asked shrilly.

The stranger smiled broadly. "I didn't say, but I am Dr. Massen, the new physician in town."

"Dr. Massen," repeated Aunt Harriet slowly, as if she enjoyed the sound of the words. "Are you married, young man?"

"No, I am not," he laughed lightly. "Drink?" asked Aunt Harriet briskly.

"Never."

"Smoke?"

"Yes, and enjoy it too."

Aunt Harriet shook her head disapprovingly, but made no comment.

"Chew?" she asked.

"Lord, no!" he laughed again. "And I don't believe I use swear words either."

"Yes, you do. You just said one," contradicted the old woman dryly. "But never mind; you'll do."

"Thank you for saying so. And now may I have my bread?"

"You better wait till Evalina comes," suggested Aunt Harriet agreeably. "You can sit right down in the other room. There's likely to be Sunday school papers on the table. You can read till Evalina comes. She'll be along in a moment."

"Very well," said Dr. Massen, obeying her suggestion with suspicious promptness.

Thereupon followed a conversation that would better be called an inquisition. There was no question concerning the life of John Massen that Aunt Harriet did not ask. His past was laid bare for Aunt Harriet's inspection, and then she in turn told the simple story of Evalina's self sacrifice, her life. "All for an old woman that isn't worth her salt," she said tearfully.

"Nonsense!" said the doctor cheerily. "I know Miss Ward enjoys doing it for you."

"If I was to die she'd be all alone," said Aunt Harriet wistfully. "I wish she'd get married."

Dr. Massen was silent for several moments. "Perhaps she will some day," he said, with some constraint.

"Why don't you marry her?" asked Aunt Harriet sharply. "Evalina's a real good cook."

"Aunt Harriet!" Evalina's voice came indignantly from the doorway. "Why are you speaking of me in such a manner to a stranger. How may I serve you, sir?"

Dr. Massen looking down at her, marveled at her great anger. She looked like some little fluffy ruffled bird, a little bright hued bird whose domain has been invaded by some marauding dog or cat.

"I came for bread," he said meekly. "I hope you have some to spare."

"I believe there is none left," said Evalina loftily, and then she blushed painfully while he bowed low and left the room.

Evalina walked into the bedroom and, throwing herself down into a chair beside the bed, burst into tears. "Aunt Evalina, how could you?" she sobbed bitterly. "You have mortified me so."

"I was only starting my matrimonial bureau, Evalina. You won't do nothing yourself about getting married, and you can't bake all your life. There ain't no need to take on so; he was real pleasant about the matter."

"Pleasant!" wailed Evalina. "Oh, Aunt Harriet, why did you pick him out? If he had only been somebody else! I'll never dare look him in the face again!"

Aunt Harriet turned her face to the wall and smiled wisely. "I can't say I'm sorry, Evalina, but I won't say any such things again, I promise."

Two weeks afterward Aunt Harriet Ward suffered one of her periodical "poor spells," and old Dr. Lake was sent for in great haste. But Dr. Lake was himself a prisoner, tied to the house with inflammatory rheumatism, so it happened that the tall form of Dr. Massen darkened Evalina's doorway once more.

She did not look at him, but led the way directly to Aunt Harriet's side. She stood apart and reluctantly confessed to herself that his skill was far superior to that of the old doctor. His terse questioning, his kindly manner, his quick diagnosis of Aunt Harriet's baffling case, opened a world of encouragement for both women.

Evalina found herself flying to do his bidding. An hour afterward they were chatting like old friends across Aunt Harriet's contented face.

"Seems like I feel ten years younger, doctor," said the old woman gratefully.

"After I give you a course of electric massage you'll be running around with the best of us," he encouraged her.

"I can never repay you if you do," she said tearfully.

"You've paid me in part already. Miss Ward," he said gravely, without looking at Evalina. "Some day I'm coming to present my bill and perhaps levy on your most precious possession."

Evalina in the next room was again an eavesdropper, but this time she was silent. Her hand rested lightly with a half caress on one of the doctor's sea-knife gloves thrown on the table, and there was a dreamy look in her eyes.

"I'm glad he likes spice jumbles," thought Evalina before she awoke to trembling realization of what the admission meant.

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